

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended) Transparent, single- or multilayered, oriented ~~polyolefin~~ polypropylene film comprising at least one layer, characterized in that said at least one layer comprises a layered silicate without a coating of metal oxides ~~the film comprises in at least one layer a layered silicate~~ which has an irregular surface structure, wherein the amount of said layered silicate is between 0.01 to 4% by weight, based on the total weight of the film and no coating of metal oxides.

Claim 2 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said layered silicate is platelet-shaped and said platelet-shaped layered silicate is subjected to a dry-grinding process.

Claim 3 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 4 3, characterized in that ~~the~~ said dry-grinding process is carried out in such a way that a rough surface structure is produced.

Claim 4 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 4 2, characterized in that said dry-grinding of said platelet-shaped silicate layer results in a ground layered silicate, said the ground layered silicate is being non-glossy.

Claim 5 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is a mica, ~~preferably~~ taken from the group consisting of muscovite, biotite, phlogopite, vermiculite or synthetic mica.

Claim 6 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 4 5, characterized in that the mica has ~~optionally~~ been ignited.

Claim 7 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 4 2, characterized in that the dry grinding process produces ground silicate particles having a mean particle size, said mean particle size is being from 1 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~preferably from 2 to 8  $\mu\text{m}$ .~~

Claim 8 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is in the layer selected from the group consisting of the base layer, the interlayer and the top layer ~~base layer and/or in one interlayer and/or in one top layer.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is present in the film in a concentration of from 0.1 to 1.0g/m<sup>2</sup>, preferably from 0.1 to 0.7 g/m<sup>2</sup>, in particular from 0.10 to 0.30 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 10 (previously presented) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the film has a thickness of from 3 to 10 µm, preferably from 5 to 50 µm.

Claims 11 and 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (previously presented) Process for marking a film according to claim 1 by means of a laser.

Claim 14 (currently amended) Process for the production of a polyolefin film according to Claim 1, characterized in that the orientation in the longitudinal direction is carried out with a longitudinal stretching ratio of from 3:1 to 9:1 ~~and/or~~ and the orientation in the transverse direction is carried out with a transverse stretching ratio of from 4:1 to 10:1.

Claim 15 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 2, characterized in that the dry grinding process produces ground silicate particles having a mean particle size, said mean particle size being from 2 to 8 µm.

Claim 16 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is in the base layer, the interlayer, and the top layer.

Claim 17 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is in the base layer and the interlayer.

Claim 18 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is in the base layer and the top layer.

Claim 19 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is in the interlayer and the top layer.

Claim 20 (new) Process for the production of a polyolefin film according to Claim 1, characterized in that the orientation in the transverse direction is carried out with a transverse stretching ratio of from 4:1 to 10:1.

Claim 21 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is present in the film in a concentration from 0.1 to 0.7 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 22 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is present in the film in a concentration of from 0.10 to 0.30 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 23 (new) Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the film has a thickness of from 5 to 50  $\mu$ m.

Claim 24 (new) A method of marking a polypropylene film comprising the steps of:

forming an oriented polypropylene film comprising at least one layer, characterized in that said at least one layer of said film comprises a layered silicate without a coating of metal oxides which has an irregular surface structure, wherein the amount of said layered silicate is between 0.01 to 4% by weight, based on the total weight of the film; and

marking said oriented polypropylene film by use of a laser, said laser being selected from the group consisting of a CO<sub>2</sub> laser, an Nd:YAG laser, and an excimer laser.

Claim 25 (new) A method for forming and applying a marked polypropylene film to a package, the method comprising the steps of:

forming an oriented polypropylene film comprising at least one layer, characterized in that said at least one layer of said film comprises a layered silicate without a coating of metal oxides which has an irregular surface structure, wherein the amount of said layered silicate is between 0.01 to 4% by weight, based on the total weight of the film;

marking said oriented polypropylene film by use of a laser, said laser being selected from the group consisting of a CO<sub>2</sub> laser, an Nd:YAG laser, and an excimer laser; and

applying said formed oriented polypropylene film to the package.